WE CLAIM:

1. A sterile dialysis concentrate composition for use in a dialysis solution comprising sodium chloride (NaCl) 92.30 \pm 9.2 g/l, and magnesium chloride (MgCl2) 2.05 \pm 0.2 g/l.

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- 2. A kit for preparing a dialysis solution comprising the sterile dialysis concentrate composition of claim 1 and optionally instructions for its use.
- 3. The kit of claim 2 further comprising sterile water sufficient to dilute the concentrate to a solution comprising Na 117 \pm 11 mmol/l, Mg 0.75 \pm 0.07 mmol/l, and Cl 118.5 \pm 11 mmol/l.
 - 4. A method of preparing a sterile dialysis solution comprising diluting a sterile, dialysis concentrate composition of claim_1 in a sufficient amount of sterile water to prepare a dialysis solution comprising Na 117±11 mmol/l, Mg 0.75±0.07 mmol/l, and Cl 118.5 ± 11 mmol/l.
 - 5. A method for providing continuous renal replacement therapy to a patient in need thereof comprising administering a sterile dialysis solution prepared according to the method of claim 4 to a patient in need thereof.
 - 6. A method for treating acute renal failure in a critically ill patient without introducing calcium into the blood removed from the patient during dialysis comprising administering a sterile dialysis solution prepared according to the method of claim 4 to a patient in need thereof.
 - 7. A method of preparing a sterile infusate comprising diluting a sterile, concentrate composition of claim 1 in a sufficient amount of water to prepare an infusate comprising Na 117 \pm 11 mmol/l, Mg 0.75 \pm 0.07 mmol/l, and Cl 118.5 \pm 11 mmol/l.

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- 8. A method for providing hemofiltration to a patient comprising administering a sterile infusate prepared according to the method of claim 7 to a patient in need thereof.
- 5 9. A use of sterile calcium-free bicarbonate-free concentrate according to claim 1 for preparing an infusate for hemofiltration.
 - 10. A use of a sterile, calcium-free bicarbonate-free concentrate according to claim 1 for preparing a dialysis solution for use in metabolic acidosis.
 - 11. A sterile dialysis concentrate composition for use in a dialysis solution comprising sodium chloride (NaCl) 211.96 \pm 21 g/l, and magnesium chloride (MgCl2) 4.72 \pm 0.4 g/l.
- 15 12. A kit for preparing a dialysis solution comprising the sterile dialysis concentrate composition of claim 11 and optionally instructions for its use.
 - 13. The kit of claim 12 further comprising sterile water sufficient to dilute the concentrate to a solution comprising Na 117 \pm 11 mmol/l, Mg 0.75 \pm 0.07 mmol/l, and Cl 118.5 \pm 11 mmol/l.
 - 14. A method of preparing a sterile dialysis solution comprising diluting a sterile, dialysis concentrate composition of claim 11, in a sufficient amount of water to prepare a dialysis solution comprising Na 117 \pm 11 mmol/l, Mg 0.75 \pm 0.07 mmol/l, and Cl 118.5 \pm 11 mmol/l.
 - 15. A method for providing continuous renal replacement therapy to a patient in need thereof comprising administering a sterile dialysis solution prepared according to the method of claim 14 to a patient in need thereof.
 - 16. A method for treating acute renal failure in a critically ill patient without introducing calcium into the blood removed from the patient during dialysis

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comprising administering a sterile dialysis solution prepared according to the method of claim 14 to a patient in need thereof.

- 17. A method of preparing a sterile infusate comprising diluting a dialysis concentrate composition of claim 11 in a sufficient amount of water to prepare an infusate comprising Na 117±11 mmol/l, Mg 0.75±0.07 mmol/l, and Cl 118.5 ± 11 mmol/l.
- 18. A method for providing hemofiltration to a patient comprising administering a sterile infusate prepared according to the method of claim 17 to a patient in need thereof.
 - 19. A use of sterile calcium-free bicarbonate-free concentrate according to claim 11 for preparing an infusate for hemofiltration.
 - 20. A use of a sterile, calcium-free bicarbonate-free concentrate according to claim 11 for preparing a dialysis solution for use in metabolic acidosis.